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1. PERUVIAN PERMREP PEREZ DE CUELLAR, WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN EXCEEDINGLY HELPFUL TO US NOTWITHSTANDING CONTRARY TRENDS IN HIS FONOFF, APPROACHED AMB. BENNETT TODAY TO URGE PREEMPTIVE ACTION TO KEEP CUBA FROM GAINING LA SLOT BEING VACATED BY VENEZUELA. PEREZ SAID CUBA IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE AS A VANTAGE FOR INTENSIFYING PRESSURE ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE. HE ADVISED US TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO STIMULATE GOOD CARRIBBEAN OR CENTRAL AMERICAN CANDIDACY LEST CUBANS WALK IN.

2. WE CONCUR FULLY. BELIEVE THIS MATTER REQUIRES URGENT ATTENTION. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY SOUNDINGS HERE BEYOND REFTEL AND BELIEVE WHATEVER WE NOW DO TO ENCOURAGE CANDIDACY SHOULD BE DONE IN CAPITAL, WE SUGGEST COLOMBIA, WITH SERIOUS AND WELL STAFFED MISSION HERE, FOR CONSIDERATION. PUERTO RICANS, WITH GOOD TIES TO COLOMBIAN POLITICANS, MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING US ENCOURAGE COLOMBIAN CANDIDACY.

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